



**“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.”
Psalm 91:1**

The Jewish people celebrate Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, in October. During this celebration they commemorate how God protected the people of Israel as during their journey through the desert. God saved them from hunger, thirst, and hostile nations. God’s protection is the central theme of Psalm 91, in which it is described from various perspectives. On the one hand we have the tender image of a hen gathering her chicks under her wings, on the other words that evoke strength and power where God is called a refuge and a strong tower. God is the God of loving intimacy but also the God who positions Himself as a Warrior to protect His people. Pray in the coming months that Israel will know and feel God’s protection.

Shalom,
The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

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Sun 1 Oct Sukkot	Feast of Tabernacles. Today is the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. Pray for blessings and safety for the Jewish people throughout the celebrations.
Mon 2 Oct Sukkot	The book of Ecclesiastes is read during Sukkot. Ecclesiastes is about the pointlessness of a life without God and the purposefulness of a life of dependence on God. Over the next several days we will focus our prayer around verses from Ecclesiastes. Today, pray that God will make His presence and protection known during the Feast of Tabernacles.
Tue 3 Oct Sukkot	“What is crooked cannot be straightened; what is lacking cannot be counted.” Ecclesiastes (1:15) Once words that harm a fellow person have been spoken it is not so simple to repair their damage. Pray that as Christians we will speak words of life and love over our Jewish brothers and sisters.
Wed 4 Oct Sukkot	“You who are young, be happy while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth.” (Ecclesiastes 11:9a) Pray for children in Israel who often miss out on a careless childhood because of the threat of terror and rocket attacks. Pray that despite everything they may experience joy and may know that God is watching over them.
Thu 5 Oct Sukkot	Everyone’s toil is for their mouth, yet their appetite is never satisfied.” (Ecclesiastes 6:7) The only thing that can truly satisfy humankind’s desires is to know God. Pray for all of the Jews who no longer believe in God. Pray that their eyes will be opened to their Creator. Also pray for a blessing on the Christians for Israel International conference that is being held in Suriname this week.
Fri 6 Oct Sukkot	“Not only was the Teacher wise, but he also imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs.” (Ecclesiastes 12:9) Pray that wise men and women will rise up in Israel who will lead the nation to follow God and who will be able to restore unity within the nation.

Sat 7 Oct Sukkot Sabbath	Shemini Atzeret (Closing Celebration). “For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:14) The attitudes of the nations towards Israel matter. God sees and judges them. Pray that the nation of the world will choose to bless Israel.
Sun 8 Oct Simchat Torah	Joy of the Law. “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.” (Psalm 119:18) Today the Jewish people celebrate that God gave them the law. Give thanks that God has given His commandments to Israel and that via Israel we too can learn them.
Mon 9 Oct	Pray that Christians will look beyond the (extremely prejudiced) regular news media for news about Israel. Pray that Christians will take the trouble to find dependable news sources and share this information with others.
Tue 10 Oct	Pray for Israel’s protection from large-scale cyber-attacks. In theory, hackers could shut down Israel’s electricity infrastructure or pollute the water supply, which would have enormous consequences for the population.
Wed 11 Oct	The Ministry of Tourism in Israel expects that in 2023 approximately 4 million tourists will visit Israel. Give thanks that so many people are coming to Israel and pray that the experience will give them a lasting love for the Jewish people and support for the nation of Israel.
Thu 12 Oct	“I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them.” (Jeremiah 32:39) Pray for unity among the Jewish people, especially between secular and religious Jews. There is often a lack of understanding for each other’s positions regarding issues such as the power balance between the government and the Supreme Court or the sabbath rest. Pray that mutual respect and understanding will grow.
Fri 13 Oct	A large number of reservists in the Israeli army have indicated that they no longer want to serve in the army if the reforms in the Supreme Court go through. Pray for wisdom for both the reservists and the government to do the right thing. Pray that the Israeli army will remain effective in the defense of the country.
Sat 14 Oct Sabbath	A while ago we asked for your prayers regarding tensions in the Palestinian city of Jenin. This city is proving to be a breeding ground for terrorists. Although many weapons have been confiscated and terrorists arrested in Israeli raids, the danger is not completely over. Pray that there will be no further threat to Israel’s safety from Jenin.
Sun 15 Oct	Terrorists frequently drive cars into civilians or soldiers in the Israeli army. Sometimes the cars can be stopped in time but the victims are often injured or killed. Pray for protection from such attacks.
Mon 16 Oct	“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘I am very jealous for Zion; I am burning with jealousy for her.’” (Zechariah 8:2) Give thanks that there are hundreds of Bible verses that speak of Jerusalem. Pray for Jerusalem’s safety.
Tue 17 Oct	Pray that the Israeli army will be successful in gathering detailed intelligence on the plans of Israel’s enemies.
Wed 18 Oct	Although natural disasters are thankfully rare in Israel, there are occasionally landslides or floods in which people are killed or injured. Pray for protection from the force of Israel’s nature.
Thu 19 Oct	Recently there have been almost daily terror attacks in Israel, often with deadly results. People have lost their fathers, mothers, sons and daughters. Pray for comfort for the survivors and protection from attacks.
Fri 20 Oct	“After three days they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” (Luke 2:46) From an early age, Jesus could be found in the temple, learning from the rabbis. Pray for all Jewish boys and girls who also learn about God in the synagogue and at home from an early age. Pray that it will give a deeply rooted trust in God.
Sat 21 Oct Sabbath	Give thanks for the fulfilment of Biblical prophecies and pray that we will keep opening our eyes to the Biblical truths that are being fulfilled in our days. Give thanks that just like the prophecies about the Lord Jesus were fulfilled, the prophecies about Israel will be fulfilled as well!
Sun 22 Oct	Israel’s army leadership has indicated that within a year Israel will likely be able to implement laser technology to protect the entire country from rocket attacks. Give thanks for this good news and pray for a blessing over the development of this new system.
Mon 23 Oct	Andrew Tucker and Rev. Cornelis Kant are going to Norway for three days to give talks about Israel at a conference for pastors in Oslo. Pray that the pastors will be stirred and that the message of Israel will flow through to the churches and the wider society of Norway.

Tue 24 Oct	“The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will bring My people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their ancestors to possess,’ says the LORD.” (Jeremiah 30:3) This verse speaks of the entire nation, both Israel and Judah. Pray that Jews from every tribe will be reunited in Israel.
Wed 25 Oct	Israeli high school teachers complain that classes are too large, that there are not enough teachers and that they are poorly paid. Pray that the quality of Israeli education will be preserved. Also pray that young people at school will learn about God and His plan for His people from an early age.
Thu 26 Oct	“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.” (2 Corinthians 13:11) This encouragement from Paul is directed to the church at Corinth, but we can also pray this for Israel. Pray for unity and peace.
Fri 27 Oct	The terrorist group Hezbollah has placed two tents with armed members on Israeli border territory. Israel is attempting to get the tents removed using diplomacy but this has not yet been successful at the time of publication. Pray that the situation will not escalate and that the terrorists will leave.
Sat 28 Oct Sabbath	The Israeli police have confiscated over a thousand illegal weapons since the beginning of this year. Many of the weapons were confiscated in Arab cities. Pray that this will improve safety and security within the Arab cities and for the whole country of Israel.
Sun 29 Oct	Hezbollah is becoming more successful at getting parts of Lebanon under their control. Hezbollah even seems to be getting more control over the international airport of Beirut. This means that it will become easier for Hezbollah to bring weapons in from Iran. Pray that the advance of Hezbollah will be stopped.
Mon 30 Oct	Egypt and Jordan are two countries that Israel made peace with years ago. Yet Egypt and Jordan frequently criticize Israel on the international stage and work together with the Palestinian president Abbas to make threats against Israel. Pray that the time will come when Jordan and Egypt position themselves as true allies of Israel.
Tue 31 Oct	Now rockets are not just being fired into Israel from Gaza, but from Arab cities in Judea and Samaria as well. Although less frequent than the rockets from Gaza, they still form a threat. Pray that the launches will be unsuccessful.

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Wed 1 Nov	The Israel/Gaza border was fairly quiet this summer. Give thanks that there were fewer incidents and attacks, such as those with fire balloons.
Thu 2 Nov	Attendees at synagogues in America were startled this summer by a stream of false bomb threats. Every time a threat was made, services were interrupted and the synagogues were evacuated. Pray for all those who had to deal with this frightening experience. Pray that the network behind the threats will be dismantled.
Fri 3 Nov	This year many countries have accepted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s definition of antisemitism. Now it has become evident that many of these countries also support organizations that do not accept this definition and even actively oppose it. Pray that countries will vigorously combat antisemitism and not be hypocritical in this area. (James 3:11-12)
Sat 4 Nov Sabbath	The Goyim Defense League is an antisemitic organization in the United States, which has made it its mission since 2022 to distribute as much antisemitic content and materials as possible on social media and at events. Pray that this organization’s work will be stopped and that the members will repent.
Sun 5 Nov	People have been posting antisemitic messages on X (formerly Twitter). These messages are hardly ever removed. Pray that social media platforms will do better combating antisemitism.
Mon 6 Nov	Pray for Jews outside of Israel who regularly face antisemitism. Pray that they will feel God’s protection and that people around them will stand up for them.
Tue 7 Nov	Give thanks for the existence of the State of Israel, that there is a country where Jews are safe. At the same time, Israel often faces threats. Pray that Israel will truly be a safe haven for the Jewish people.

Wed 8 Nov	Pray that Christians around the world will stand as friends to the Jewish people. Pray that they will look at Israel from a Biblical perspective and will be aware that God has eternally promised the land of Israel to the Jewish people.
Thu 9 Nov	Give thanks for the work of Christian Zionist organizations that support Israel with their words and actions. Pray that their work will grow in the church and in politics.
Fri 10 Nov	“Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.” (2 Peter 2:17) Pray that friendships between Jews and Christians will grow and for increasing unity between Jewish and Christian brothers and sisters.
Sat 11 Nov Sabbath	Iranian terrorists tried to attack the Israeli embassy in Azerbaijan. Thankful the local authorities were able to prevent the attack. Give thanks for this and pray for the protection of Israelis outside of Israel from the threat from Iran.
Sun 12 Nov	When Ukraine was faced with a broken dam, Israeli company Watergen delivered several installations that can convert air into water. Thanks to these machines, water became available again to people who had been left without. Give thanks that Israel is able to be a blessing to other nations in this way.
Mon 13 Nov	Palestinian terrorist organizations Fatah and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad often don’t get along with each other. But now they are attempting to work together in order to form a greater threat to Israel. Pray that they will not be successful in this but instead that this will bring them down. Pray for continued chaos and disagreement so that they will not be able to undertake any action. (Exodus 23:27)
Tue 14 Nov	In the past Australia was always a faithful ally to Israel. However the current trend is that the government is taking a more critical stance towards Israel, including in the United Nations. Pray that the strong bond between Israel and Australia will be restored.
Wed 15 Nov	The South American country of Paraguay has decided to reopen its embassy in Jerusalem. The embassy used to be located in Tel Aviv. Give thanks that Paraguay is taking this step and standing as an ally to Israel.
Thu 16 Nov	Pray that many Palestinians may come to faith in the Lord Jesus and the God of Israel. Pray love for Israel will increase among Palestinian believers. Also pray for protection for these believers, who often face persecution.
Fri 17 Nov	Iran is claiming to have reproduced a fighter drone that can reach Israel. Earlier Iran also claimed to have developed a rocket capable of reaching Israel. Pray that all of Iran’s attempts to attack Israel will fail. (Psalm 59)
Sat 18 Nov Sabbath	When the news came out last summer that Israel and Libya have engaged in talks on relations between the two countries, it was immediately followed by anti-Israel protests in Libya. In many Arab countries, normalized ties with Israel would be a very unwelcomed change. Pray that Arab countries will be open to making peace with Israel.
Sun 19 Nov	There are currently talks on normalization between Israel and Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia has a number of demands and wishes. They would like to have a greater say over the Temple Mount. Pray for wisdom for the Israeli government in deciding which demands to agree to and which to deny.
Mon 20 Nov	“Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,’ declares the LORD.” (Jeremiah 31:28) Here God promises to watch over His people when they live in the land again. Give thanks for this promise and pray for God’s protection over Israel.
Tue 21 Nov	“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘See, I will break the bow of Elam, the mainstay of their might.’” (Jeremiah 49:35) Elam refers to present-day Iran. Pray that God will break Iran’s hostility towards Israel.
Wed 22 Nov	Because of the war in Ethiopia, Israelis who are helping Ethiopian Jews to return to Israel also face danger. Pray for protection for these Israelis and that they will be able to continue with their important Aliyah work.
Thu 23 Nov	In a secret mission last summer Israel brought home 200 Jews from war-torn Ethiopia. Give thanks for this rescue mission.
Fri 24 Nov	For a long time the number of young people interested in emigrating to Israel has been falling. It seems that this is due partly to the unrest in Israel. Pray that young Jewish people will choose to move to Israel anyway and invest in the future of the country.

Sat 25 Nov Sabbath	Pray for a blessing over the work of the teams behind Christians for Israel's various publications such as the newspaper, the website, the youth magazines and the theological journals.
Sun 26 Nov	Pray for the work of Koen Carlier and his team in Ukraine. They operate in dangerous areas. Give thanks for all of the food parcels they have been able to distribute and all of the people they have helped move to Israel. (James 2:14-26)
Mon 27 Nov	Because Jews from all over the world make Aliyah, many different cultures exist side by side in Israel. On one hand this is enriching and on the other hand it sometimes leads to tensions. Pray that people will be able to get used to one another quickly and that they will be able to live together harmoniously.
Tue 28 Nov	The book, "Why Israel?" has recently been translated into Chinese by a volunteer in Taiwan. C4I International is now planning a conference in Taiwan. Pray for the preparations and those who are involved locally.
Wed 29 Nov	The Christians for Israel team in Uganda is allowed to contribute a weekly program on a television station in Kampala. Give thanks for this and pray that the programs will reach and inspire many.
Thu 30 Nov	Day of memorial for Jews who were driven out of Arab countries. After the birth of the State of Israel in 1948, many Jews were violently driven out of Arab countries where their ancestors had lived for centuries. Not everyone was able to flee on time and many were murdered for their Jewish identity. Pray for comfort for all Jews who carry the grief from this period.